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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN MISSIONARY GEORGE OGLE

CINCPAC FOR POLAD PASS ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB AND
AMBASSADOR SNEIDER

1. IN COURSE OF CALL BY FONMIN KIM, ACTING SECRETARY
INGERSOLL TOOK OCCASION TO INFORMALLY RAISE CASE OF
AMERICAN MISSIONARY GEORGE OGLE.
2. KIM WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH CURRENT STATUS OF CASE BUT
NOTED THAT VISAS ARE GRANTED BY KOREAN GOVERNMENT FOR
SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES. IF FOREIGNER ENGAGES IN ACTIVITIES
CLEARLY OUTSIDE SCOPE OF HIS VISA, KOREAN GOVERNMENT
CAN DEPORT HIM.
3. INGERSOLL INDICATED THAT WE WOULD NOT DISPUTE THAT
POINT, BUT IT MIGHT WELL BE IN ROK INTEREST NOT TO BE
UNDULY RIGID IN ASSESSING POLITICALLY SENSITIVE CASES
INVOLVING FOREIGN MISSIONARIES. INGERSOLL POINTED OUT
PROBLEMS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING IN PAST WITH CHURCH GROUPS,
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SOME IN CONGRESS, AND THE MEDIA. HE NOTED THAT

MAGNANIMITY IN SUCH CASES ON PART ROKG COULD CONTRIBUTE
TO EASING OFF OF PRESSURES WE HAVE FACED.

4. KIM ACKNOWLEDGED INGERSOLL'S POINTS AND DIRECTED
AMBASSADOR HAHM TO REPORT CONVERSATION TO SEOUL. KIM ALSO
SUGGESTED THAT USG MIGHT UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
CONTROLLING US CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES. INGERSOLL POINTED
OUT THAT THIS SIMPLY IS NOT POSSIBLE UNDER OUR LAWS. INGERSOLL

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